

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3153
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SETTING UP OF A STUDY GROUP ON ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the shortage of essential commodities and price rise have affected the people in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a Study Group to check the availability and equitable distribution of essential commodities, particularly in the areas of Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the composition thereof;
- (e) whether the representation of each State is included in the said Group;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S. CHAUHAN)

- (a) & (b): There have been no reports of high prices or scarcity of any essential commodity in any part of the country in recent past.
- (c) & (d): In view of comfortable availability of essential commodities at reasonable prices in the country, there is no proposal to set up any Study Group to look into the aspects of availability and distribution of essential commodities in any part of the country.
- (e) to (g): Do not arise.